Proceedings of 9th State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) Meeting for Agriculture Production Cluster (APC) Project
Date: 18th September, 2025, Krushi Bhawan, Bhubaneswar

The 9th State Level Coordination Committee meeting on Agriculture Production Cluster Project (APC) was held on 18th September 2025, at 4.30 P.M, under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, DA&FE in the third floor Conference Hall of Krushi Bhawan, where other SLCC members were participated. The District Collectors and NGO representatives from APC districts attended the meeting from their respective districts joined virtually through their respective OSWAN points. The list of participants is attached in Annexure-I.

At the outset, the Principal Secretary appreciated the APC model for its significant contribution to inclusive transformation in Odisha. As part of the presentation, the impact of irrigation in Dhumabhatta village, Belpada, Balangir was shown through GIS based case study with short videos.
The decision as furnished hereunder, are agreed upon following discussion and deliberation;

1. The Principal Secretary encouraged the respective District Collectors to emphasize convergence of schemes, especially irrigation projects prioritizing APC areas in their respective APC blocks from OLIC, OAIC, DMF, ITDA, OMBADC, etc.
(Action: District Collectors & respective line depts.)

2. The Principal Secretary informed Director of Horticulture to coordinate with Mission Shakti for signing of MoU regarding PG support for 40 APC Blocks (Phase- I).
(Action: Director of Horticulture, Mission Shakti)

3. The District Collectors were requested to speed up the process of fund disbursement to the PGs, whose funds were stuck at the district level.
(Action: District Collectors, Mission Shakti & OLM)

4. It was suggested to increase the area under NPM practices, and promote lesser use of pesticides in APC clusters.
(Action: Programme Secretariat, Partner NGOs)

5. The Principal Secretary emphasised to ensure intercropping in all plantation patches in all APC blocks.
(Action: Programme Secretariat, Partner NGOs)

6. It was discussed to provide plastic crates to APC farmers on a priority basis for minimising the post-harvest losses.
(Action: Director of Horticulture)

7. The District Collectors were requested to allocate existing unutilised infrastructures to APC FPCs for Post Harvest Management (PHM) activities.
(Action: All District Collectors)

8. No cost extension of Koraput ginger project was in principle approved by the Principal Secretary. However, the period of no cost extension will be finalised after joint meeting with Mission Shakti and Directorate of Horticulture under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, DAFE.

(Action: Director of Horticulture, Mission Shakti, PRADAN)

9. Keonjhar district has already assessed the Saharpada FPC and recommendation letter should be sent to the State at the earliest for fund release.

(Action: District Collector, Keonjhar)

10. Jaladhara scheme in APC overlapped blocks will be converged from Directorate of Soil Conservation. Work order for farm ponds under Jaladhara scheme may be issued in the name of women farmers.

(Action: Directorate of Soil Conservation)

11. The proposal for AE promotion scheme in rest 60 APC blocks approved by the Principal Secretary and due formal process may be taken by APICOL. In DMF districts, AE promotion support may be provided by respective DMFs.

(Action: MD APICOL, District Collectors of DMF Districts)

12. Addition of new clusters of 2000 farmers in the DMF supported APC blocks of Angul, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh and Keonjhar districts was approved in principle. The Principal Secretary advised DMF District Collectors to initiate the process as per the ODMF guidelines.

(Action: District Collectors of DMF Districts)

13. Principal Secretary advised all the District Collectors to identify new potential blocks for APC expansion and intimate to DA&FE for further action. He also clarified that **any convergence of NREGS funds in APC Clusters would not require any prior approval of the Dept.**

(Action: All District Collectors)

14. Best practices, learning should be regularly documented and widely shared. Knowledge sharing and best practices workshops of APC will be organised at state level. FPC leaders should be encouraged to participate in various forums and in Krushi Odisha.

(Action: Directorate of Horticulture, DDH/ADHs, Programme Secretariat, PNGOs)

15. Standardised training modules on APC activities will be prepared by BRLF and PRADAN in the 40 Phase I blocks with Welthungerhilfe (WHH) support.

(Action: BRLF, PRADAN)

Other Discussions & Decisions

16. Each district may procure quality seeds/inputs from private vendors by following the procurement policy while implementing such program availing assistance from District Administration.

(Action: District Collectors, DDH/ADH)

17. District may take prior approval from State to take up additional projects/activities from DMF/OMBADC/other sources to be implemented by DDH/ADH.

(Action: District Collector, DDH/ADH)

18. Odex system for bore well excavation will be considered for case specific blocks with poor groundwater or cave-in issues.

(Action: District Collector, OLIC, OAIC)

The Principal Secretary appreciated the achievement of the project and thanked the Departments, Directorates, District Collectors, NGO partners for ensuring the convergence and bringing positive impacts in the ground. In his concluding remarks, he expressed hope that the communities in adjoining blocks would be inspired by the initiatives undertaken in the APC blocks and actively seek the implementation of the scheme in their respective areas.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair and participants by the Director, Horticulture.

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Annexure 1

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1.Principal Secretary, DA & FE.

2. Director of Agriculture & Food Production

3. Director of Horticulture

4. Director of Soil Conservation & Watershed Development

5. MD, APICOL

6. Addl. Director, AH &VS

7.ED, OLIC

8. MD, OAIC

9. Collectors cum District Magistrate APC districts

10. Joint Director of Horticulture, DOH

11. DDHs and ADHs APC district

12. Asst. Director of Horticulture, DOH

13. CEO, BRLF

14. ED PRADAN

15. Secretary, WOSCA / CPSW

16. TC, PRADAN

17. Program Manager, PSFPO

18. Asst.Director of Horticulture

19. APC Program Secretariat , PRADAN

20. TC PRADAN

21. Integrator, PRADAN

22. Project Coordinator, PRADAN